

## The Bloomfield Record.

### The Astor Family.

John Jacob Astor left two sons, Wm. B. and John Jacob, Jr. The latter was an imbecile from early manhood and died six years ago. He had also three daughters, Dorothy, who married Wm. Laugdon, Eliza, who became Mrs. Rumpf, and Catharine, the mother of the late Charles Astor Bristed. Wm. B. Astor, however, inherited nearly all the property. He leaves three sons, John Jacob, William B. and Henry. The latter married a poor country girl, against the family wish, but as he inherited the property of his imbecile uncle, John Jacob, his circumstances are comfortable enough. The two other sons assisted their father in managing the estate and most of it will probably remain in their hands. Both are now gray haired men. They have the Astor characteristics of closeness, and will doubtless keep the vast property intact. There were three daughters, all married a good many years ago. Still, the family connection is not very large. John Winthrop Chanler, who represented a New York City district in Congress a couple of terms, married one of William B. Astor's granddaughters. The training of the sons is decidedly severe. After John Jacob's marriage he purchased a country seat up the Hudson near Rhinebeck. His father insisted that he should be at the office in Prince street by nine o'clock every morning. He was in the habit of going to his country home on Saturday afternoons, and in order to be back at the office by nine on Monday morning he was obliged to return on Sunday evening. The father would not relax his rule, and the end of it was that John Jacob had to sell his country place and make his home in the city. Wm. B. Astor's personal character has often been briefly sketched. He was not a large-minded man. It was but rarely that his thoughts went outside the limits of his own interests. He gave close personal attention to the management of his great estate, and this occupied nearly all of his time. The poorest man in New York could not be more particular as to dimes and cents than he was. He rigorously exacted all that was due to him and he paid all that he owed. If a mechanic presented a bill for \$500.00 he received just that amount. If another man owed \$10,000.00 he had to pay the three cents with the \$10,000. Last summer a legal firm sent him notice of readiness to take up a \$50,000 mortgage which he held, and appointed the day. It was a Friday. The money was sent to his office that day, but Mr. Astor was absent and his agent would not receive it. Mr. Astor was out of town and would be back on Monday. By putting off the settlement till Monday he gained two days' interest on \$50,000. Nevertheless, he was not as close a man as he has often been represented. There was a good deal of generosity in his nature. His father bequeathed \$400,000 to establish the Astor Library. He soon expended on that institution over \$400,000 more. He increased the annuity of Fitz Greene Halleck, who had been a clerk in the elder Astor's office, from \$300 to \$1,500. His name appeared occasionally on charity subscription lists and he sometimes gave money without his name. For many years he almost ran down by poor Germans claiming relationship and asking aid, but it was a rule to refuse all applications of this kind. No doubt most of the petitioners for bounty were impostors. On one occasion an Irishman, rather seely but very fluent, obtained entrance to the house in Lafayette Place and requested an audience. He insisted that he was related to Mr. Astor and had known him in the old country. But his eloquent importunity was thrown away. A threat to hand him over to the police finally induced him to leave the house, but he thought it very hard that Astor would not help a cousin and an old neighbor.

WATCH THE CHILDREN'S FEET.—At this season of the year, of frosty mornings and damp evenings, the following advice from the New York Post is very important: "Life-long discomfort, and sudden death often come to children through the inattention or carelessness of the parents. A child should never be allowed to go to sleep with cold feet; the thing to be last attended to is to see that the feet are dry and warm. Neglect of this kind has often resulted in a dangerous attack of croup, diphtheria, or a fatal sore throat. Always on coming home from school, on entering the house from a visit or errand in rainy, muddy or thawing weather, the child should remove its shoes, and the mother should herself ascertain whether the stockings are the least damp. If they are they should be taken off, the feet held before the fire and rubbed with the hands till perfectly dry, and another pair of stockings and another pair of shoes put on. The reserve shoes and stockings should be kept where they are good and dry, so as to be ready for use at a minute's notice."

POISONOUS TOY BALLOONS.—The sanitary inspector of Glasgow has found that the yellow toy balloons sold to children are poisonous. He says that the coloring matter consists of one part of chromate of lead and three parts of carbonate of lime. Children, being in the habit of applying their mouths to the orifice of these balloons for the purpose of filling them with air, may readily receive a quantity of such poisonous powder into their mouths. Toy balloons, therefore, although admirably fitted for playthings at baby farms and other institutions of similar character, should be viewed with suspicion in every well-regulated nursery.

### The Maelstrom as it is.

Nearly mid way in London strait, a huge naked rock, which might fairly be called an island, lifts itself above the waters, breasting the conflicting currents caused by the winds and tides. Between this rock and the cape on Muskog is the famous maelstrom which fertile imaginations have clothed with many terrors. Its geographical position is such as to expose it to fierce tidal currents, and when these are assisted by high westerly winds, they are no doubt terrific. The bottom of the strait is strewn with immense boulders, which are so arranged as to give the current a spiral motion, directed toward the isolated rock from the northern side, which is much increased in times of high tides and storms, when it whirls quite around the island rock. Then it is that it becomes really difficult for boats and vessels, without steam power, to keep clear of the rock against which the wayward currents would dash them.

While there are at times vast and powerful eddies, which give objects floating upon them a fearful spiral motion, there is nothing like a vortex produced by a subterranean discharge of the water, although the tumbling and boiling character of the spiral current may submerge temporarily objects drifting on the surface. No doubt in the course of time the action of the water has tended to level down the bed of rocks, some of which, we may presume, showed themselves above the surface. This may have made the maelstrom much more terrific than it now is, and better justified the ancient fable. As it is, in ordinary times, and in favorable weather, the fishermen do not hesitate to seek for fishes throughout these waters, which to strangers are suggestive of the most terrible dangers. "A Summer in Norway," by D. Cantor.

BOXING THE EARS.—There are several things very commonly done which are extremely injurious to the ear, and ought to be carefully avoided. One of these is the practice of boxing children's ears. It is known that the passage of the ear is closed by a thin membrane, especially adapted to be influenced by every impulse of the air, and with nothing but the air to support it internally. What, then, can be more likely to injure this membrane than a sudden and forcible compression of the air in front of it? If any one designed to break or overstretch the membrane, a more efficient means could scarcely be devised than to bring the hand suddenly and forcibly down upon the passage of the ear thus driving the air violently before it with no possibility of its escape but by the membrane giving way. Medical authorities assert that many children are in this way made deaf by boxing on the ear.

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